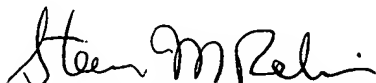


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 are cancelled. Claims 8-12 are added. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee. Examination of the amended application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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